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**"SERVICE ABOVE SELF" (1.)**

**INT:** Old Adage: "As long as life--Hope!  
Another : "" " " "Struggle!"

**Self**-preservation vs Serving Others!!!

Question: Where do "I" fit in Life's priority list??

**SCRIPTURAL ANSWER:**

1. Matt. 22:37 God first, above all *HSM - all! MOST!*
2. " 22:39 Self---2nd. *as...*
3. Matt. 22:39 Neighbors 3rd?
4. Matt. 7:12 Puts "Others" and "Me" in a tie! *Equal treatment.*
5. Romans 12:10. Preferring one another
6. Phil. 2:3. Esteem others better!!
7. Gal. 6:10. Do good -- all men !!!

**SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE...** *So few do it!*

**THREE BIBLICAL PARAGRAPHS COMPLIMENT**  
**SO MANY OF OUR MIDTOWN MEMBERS:**  
**BELIEVE YOU WILL ENJOY STUDY!!**

- note :*
1. Matthew 5:42.
  2. Luke 14:12-14.
  3. Matthew 22:1-10.

## I. ● MATTHEW 5:42.

1. Concerning the POOR in land.
2. GIVE or LEND to the POOR, the NEEDY, the UNFORTUNATE.

3. Parallels: ● DEUT. 15:7-11.

*What's*  
4. Indiscriminate giving?????

No! Two requisites:

- a. Genuine <sup>To</sup> NEED! Ease a pain!
- b. NOT for the lazy or shiftless. II Thess. 3:10.

5. THREE MAJOR TRUTHS INVOLVED:

- a. Loan or give to NEEDY whether he can RE-PAY or not. *Help save his face!*  
*God re-place!*
- b. DO NOT retaliate against even an enemy--by refusing help him if he is in GENUINE NEED.

*SAY:* Forced you 2nd mile.  
Sued you for your coat.  
Slapped you on rt. cheek.

c. TWO GREAT BLESSINGS INVOLVED:

- a. Win a friend---a <sup>Save</sup> Soul!
- b. God will re-supply You! *REPAY.*

*CHR. GOAL:* SERVICE ABOVE SELF!!!!!!!

Here are prospects for the Kingdom!!!

II LUKE 14:12-14. *well*

1. Exchange of FAVORS not the greatest religion available:
2. "These" CAN repay a social FAVOR Family. Relatives. Church-clique. Rich friends.

Reserve ALL favors for these & shut self from contacts for Christ. No prospects. New blood

Ill. R. H. FAVOR NEW MEMBERS.

Have doubled membership!!!!

Ill. Madison, Tenn. Lgst. world

3. QUESTION: *YOU?* Ever fed poor, lame, maimed, blind???

4. REPLIES HEARD BEFORE: Parent

- a. Never get around to ALL family Cousin
- b. Aunts
- c. Can't REPAY ALL my friends...much less others. grand

5. QUESTION: Can we take SOME time sometime for OTHERS!!?

Others are PROSPECTS..Souls!

6. GREAT CHURCHES have Two common characteristics:

- a. Needy who appreciate them! because RECEIVE from them.

*above* b. Great Christians THERE so SERVICE can GIVE to Others!!! *prospects!*

III. ● Matt. 22:1-10. (Lk. 14:15-27) <sup>(4.)</sup>

1. Jews invited into C.of C. first.  
Indifferent & rebellious. Destroyed.
2. Greeks, Romans, Samaritans etc.  
invited: Laughed, scoffed and  
attacked the church. Destroyed.
3. APPLICATION TO US TODAY:

- a. Feast still on. Sal. in Chris
- b. Church-membership a feast!!!!
- c. God invites all: Mk. 16:15-16  
Rich: many too occupied.  
Famous: too involved. Busy...  
Wise: above religion. Smart!
- d. DO NEXT:???

Most who are coming <sup>one</sup> HERE!!  
GO: Highways, by-ways, hedges  
County rds., off-streets  
and even the ALLEYS.

**B.M.-CWTP-39ERS G-G. GOING!!**

NOTE: When done THIS, done ALL we can do

4. Worked our PROSPECTS. Gt. Commis
5. Many will come! ARE!! BM PE
6. LIVES blessed by our efforts. Sov
7. WE are blessed by the Lord!!

INV: "SERVICE ABOVE SELF!!!" **Christ's Way!**  
**GIVING???**  
YOUR LIFE: Like Jesus'. CAN BE!!!

OR: BEEN: Selfish, self-centered &  
& wrong. WANT TO CHANGE! NOW